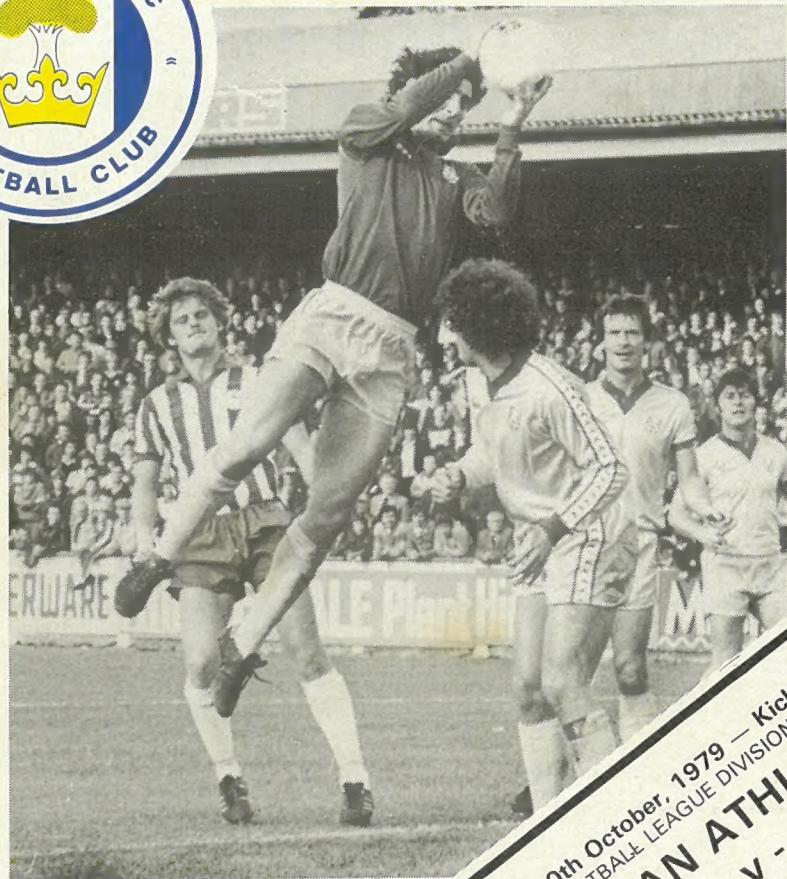


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Our front page pic this issue shows tension and anxiety on the players faces as the Torquay defence meets up to the Wigan challenge. (Photo by courtesy of the Post & Chronicle).

Personally Speaking

by Ian McNeill



Good afternoon all.
A VERY warm welcome to Colin Murphy and his Lincoln 'Imps'. Last season was not a particularly good one for Colin as he possibly arrived too late to stop his side being relegated. However, they are going very strongly

just now and we will certainly have our work cut out to beat them.

Good Run

After our two recent away defeats, coupled with our home defeat by Torquay, it is really imperative that we start taking off now, if we are to have the same sustained effort for promotion that we witnessed last season. It was just about now we started moving up the league and I am hoping we can start with a good result today.

Roughnecks

Wednesday's match was an extremely interesting one and it gave us a chance to experiment with one or two of the younger players. I am sure they will have benefited by the experience, I was also very impressed by the Tulsa No.9. This little lad, I only learned later, was the player whose goal virtually knocked Scotland out of the World Cup, when he was playing for his country — Iran.

Enjoy today's game.

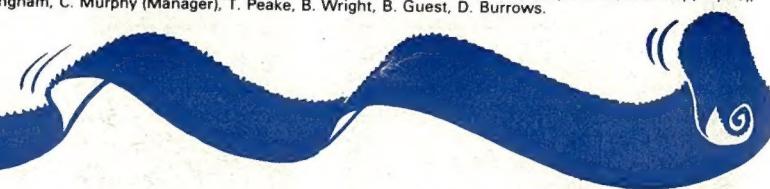
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IF EVER a club looked set to make a quick return from the Fourth Division having been relegated from the Third Division in the previous season, that club must be Lincoln City in season 1979 - 80.

Lincoln City have moved about the divisions during the eighty-plus years of League Football witnessed at John o' Gaunt's Field, and since 1894, the Sincil Bank Ground. Championship honours have been gained at Third Division (North) and Fourth Division levels. Indeed, in Season 1975 - 1976, the Lincoln City Football Club established a League record of 74 points in gaining the Fourth Division Championship. However, in spite of their consistently good record, Lincoln have never been able to push through to the top echelons of the Football League, but the club is looked upon as a well-tried and established member, by whose presence the quality of any division in which the club plays is that much more attractive and positive. So positive, in fact, that on January 16th, 1932 a Frank Keetley scored six times for Lincoln against Halifax Town, all in the space of 21 minutes!! The club also boasts the proud record of the most points, most wins and fewest defeats in any season of Fourth Division activity!!

This year, anxious to put last year's troubles behind them, the "Red Imps", as Lincoln's players are

nicknamed, have got off to a very encouraging start. With eighteen points from thirteen games, the men from Sincil Bank are handily placed in fifth position, not only to sustain their challenge for promotion, but also to push ahead for yet another championship honour.

If it is any consolation to Wigan Athletic supporters, our own boys are always at their best against strong opposition, but the signs are that we will have to produce a performance of true grit and character if we are to get anything at all, other than first class entertainment from today's game. From previous experience, in games against Boston United in our Premier League days, we know only too well the resilience, competitiveness and skill of South Lincolnshire opposition.

Welcome then to the Directors, Management, players and fans of the Lincoln City Football Club. We trust you will have a very pleasant stay in Lancashire and we express the hope that the Imp who resides in your beautiful cathedral will not be too hard on you, should Wigan gain some reward from today's game. Whatever the result we wish our Lincoln travellers well for Season 1979 - 80, and a safe and quick return not only to your own homes tonight, but also to the Third Division in the very near future.

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LAST MONDAY saw Wigan Athletic Football Club pass another milestone in its Commercial existence — the setting up of the Lottery kiosk on the Wigan Market Square. That event in itself may not seem of any special significance, especially when other fund raising concerns enjoy a similar privilege, but the new venture could well be the start of something really big.

Application has already been made to the Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council for permission to establish selling points on an occasional basis at the Ashton-in-Makerfield and Hindley markets, and, in which might be expected time, it is our intention to extend our selling influence over an even wider area. The recent recruitment of twenty-five additional agents adds to our belief that, in a very short

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It now seems highly likely that our Treble Chance Lottery will this financial year provide an income equivalent to the proceeds which the Football Club might expect to receive from eight home Football League fixtures. Six months from now, if all goes well, we plan to expand our activities still further with a view to realising an annual sum of money equal to that from a full "home" programme of Football fixtures. It is with this in mind

better Wigan Athletic. All our agents receive 10% commission on sales, tickets are issued on a sale or return basis, and please remember that every ticket sold benefits the Wigan Athletic Football Club. Pop in at the Pools Office today and sign up as an agent. We will be delighted to talk things over with you.

We are particularly pleased to acknowledge the donation of today's match ball by the General Committee of the Wigan Athletic Supporters' Club. Although regular visitors to the club will be aware that considerable improvements have been made to the club recently, without the help of hardworking committee members even a revitalised club could not function successfully. Thank you gentlemen for your support.

Enjoy today's game.
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Lancashire League Scene

by Fred Eye

TOP OF THE LEAGUE!!! That's the position Wigan Athletic Reserves are occupying at the moment.

It is a fine feeling and I am encouraging all my players to enjoy it to the full. Football is a game of ups and downs and you work so hard for the "ups" that I feel you should make the most of them when they come along.

Obviously there is still two thirds of the season to go yet, but even so it is a tremendous achievement for a team in only its second season to be up at the top above all the big clubs.

Our 3 - 1 victory at Bradford City on Saturday followed by a 2 - 1 win over Burnley at Springfield Park, watched by another crowd of over six hundred, two days later, took us three points clear of Everton and four points in front of Liverpool.

I feel we are equipped to maintain our

challenge at the top with the squad of players I have. Even though we are only just approaching the start of a long hard winter I will expect the players to maintain a high level of performance in spite of the varying conditions between now and next May.

Irrespective of the many excuses trotted out by Managers at the end of a season, I feel that after a full season a team finishes exactly where it deserves. The "if only's" and "we should have's" count for absolutely nothing. The team that consistently gets good results at home and away overcoming all the elements of an English Soccer season which covers everything from sunshine, gales, sleet, rain, snow and ice will finish where it belongs . . . at the top. To get these results players need an abundance of determination, willingness to work in training and enthusiasm for the game allied to their natural talent; all of my players have these qualities and having attained this position at the top we are all determined to hang on to it.

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Player Profile



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DAVID FRETWELL (Defender)

DAVID was born in Normanton, and was educated at Normanton Grammar School. He joined Bradford City in 1966 at the age of 14, as an Associate Schoolboy, but stayed on at school to take 'O' and 'A' levels. Whilst still at school David represented Yorkshire and England Senior Schools at the Under-18's level. At eighteen although offered the opportunity to sign full-time for Bradford City, David decided to go to Bradford University to study Industrial Management.

During his last two years at University, David Fretwell was a part-time professional and played about 80 games in the Fourth Division, eventually going full-time in 1974. Dave made over two hundred and fifty first team appearances for Bradford City before being given a free transfer in 1978. From there, the quiet Yorkshireman joined California Sunshine in the American Soccer

League and played one summer over there before returning in October 1978. Although he had provisionally agreed to join Colchester United on returning home, his plans were upset when his side reached the A.S.L. play-offs and David was four weeks late in returning home. Colchester moved quickly to sign another player and decided not to follow up their enquiries for David Fretwell. At that point, Ian McNeill invited David to join Wigan on a month's trial, since when things have gone well for Wigan's man at the centre of the defence.

David's value to Wigan Athletic, in their first year in the Football League cannot be underestimated. A quiet, thoughtful and completely reliable professional, David brought composure and defensive know-how to a Wigan side which was finding it hard to adapt to the more demanding Fourth Division of the Football League. The fact that David Fretwell finished as runner up in the 1978 - 1979 Player of the Year Contest, emphasises just how highly thought of he is by the supporters of the Wigan Athletic Football Club.

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LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Saturday, 6th October, 1979

Reserves 3 - Bradford City Reserves 1
Wigan Scorer - MacIvor, Wallace, Tony Quinn.

Monday, 8th October, 1979

Reserves 2 - Burnley 'A' 1
Wigan Scorers - Crompton, Tony Quinn

Saturday, 13th October, 1979

Reserves 1 — Morecambe Reserves 1
Wigan Scorer - Wilkie.

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION 2

Saturday, 6th October, 1979

'A' Team 5 - Preston N.E. 'A' 2
Wigan Scorers - Glenn (2), M. Quinn,
McAllister, Calderwood.

Saturday, 13th October, 1979

'A' Team 3 - Manchester United 'B' 0
Wigan Scorers - McAllister (2), Glenn.

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Where did it go? Yet another Wigan attack just misses the final vital touch. (Photo by courtesy of Post & Chronicle)

TOP RIGHT:

Peter Houghton bursts through but the ball fails to find the net. (Photo by courtesy of Post & Chronicle)

BOTTOM RIGHT:

Micky Moore attempts wriggle clear of the Torquay defence. (Photo by courtesy of Wigan Observer).

Springfield Spotlight

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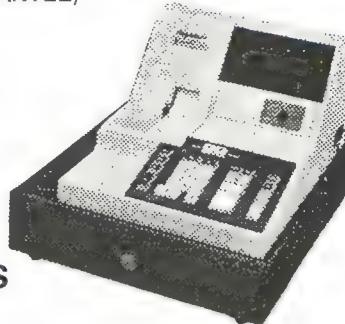
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Down Memory Lane

by Harold Ashurst

PRIDE has always been a big feature in Latics' teams. They don't like being beaten, but, when they are, there is always some team which feels the backlash.

One such occasion took place on October 19th, 1957 when Latics entertained Cheshire League rivals Netherfield at Springfield Park. Only a week earlier Latics had been shocked when they lost 0 - 2 to lowly club Droylsden and the match against Netherfield was the way to get back their momentarily lost prestige. Wigan Athletic responded by beating the Westmorland side 5 - 2 in a very entertaining game watched by over three thousand people.

Latics led 2 - 0 at half time, their goals being scored by Buckle and Smith, but there was a minor scare just after half time when Netherfield pulled a goal back. It was only minor though, as

Latics then proceeded to take the match by the scruff of the neck scoring three goals in eight minutes. Smith, Prescott and Harrison were the Wigan Scorers, the latter being from a penalty, and although Holt scored for Netherfield, again from a penalty, there was no doubt which side was going to win.

The Wigan Observer report told of a highly entertaining match, saying: "There were many exciting and thrilling moments near both goals, which had narrow escapes and shots, time and time again, were smothered or deflected away. The Athletic were the more polished tacticians and had the necessary punch within shooting range. Netherfield often provided clever midfield play and approach work, but failed to force home their attacks through hesitating to take aim from excellent scoring positions."

LATICS AWAY

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Facts and Figures

Home fixtures in capitals.
Wigan scores first.

Player scoring in bold.
† Player substituted.

² Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
* In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	Fixture	F	A	ATT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 11	Stockport FLC1	1	2	6,004	R Ward	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton*	Brownbill	Purdie	Urquhart
Aug 15	STOCKPORT FLC1	0	0	7,581	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Brownbill	Purdie	Moore
Aug 18	Darlington	2	2	2,063	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan*	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore	Purdie*	Davids
Aug 22	HUDDERSFIELD	1	2	6,927	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore*	Purdie	Brownbill
Aug 25	Stockport County	2	1	3,837	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore*	David	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton*	Moore	Purdie	N Ward
Sep 1	PORTROUTH	1	2	8,198	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore*	Purdie	Urquhart
Sep 8	Bournemouth	2	1	4,390	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	Harr	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore	Purdie	Brownbill*
Sep 15	YORK CITY	2	5	5,990	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	Davids	Fretwell	Corrigan*	Wright	Brownbill	Moore	Purdie	Urquhart*
Sep 19	HARLEPOOL	2	1	4,877	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	Davids	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Brownbill	Moore	Houghton	Purdie
Sep 22	Hereford United	1	2	3,891	Shyne	Gore*	Hinnigan	Purdie	Davids	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright*	Brownbill	Moore	Houghton	Urquhart
Sep 29	BRADFORD CITY	4	1	8,009	Shyne	Gore*	Hinnigan*	Urquhart	Davids	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Brownbill	Moore*	Houghton	Crompton
Oct 6	TORQUAY UNITED	0	3	6,541	Shyne	Gore	Hinnigan	Urquhart	Davids	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Brownbill	Moore	Houghton	Crompton
Oct 9	Huddersfield Town	0	4	7,871	Brown	Gore	Hinnigan	Urquhart	Davids	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Brownbill	Moore	Houghton	Melvyn
Oct 13	Doncaster Rovers	1	3	4,169	Brown	Macivor*	Hinnigan	Gore	Milburn	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore	Purdie	Urquhart
Oct 20	LINCOLN CITY															
Oct 24	ROCHDALE															
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May 3	Aldershot															

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TABLE AS AT 19th OCTOBER, 1979

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Portsmouth	13	11	0	2	36	15	22
Huddersfield Town	13	10	1	2	33	12	21
Bradford City	13	10	1	2	31	13	21
Walsall	13	6	7	0	24	14	19
Lincoln City	13	7	4	2	23	10	18
Torquay United	13	5	6	2	26	17	16
Halifax Town	13	6	4	3	16	13	16
Newport County	13	7	1	5	24	18	15
Aldershot	12	6	2	4	19	12	14
Doncaster Rovers	13	5	4	4	18	20	14
Hereford United	13	5	3	5	14	13	13
Peterborough United	12	6	1	5	14	13	13
Tranmere Rovers	13	6	1	6	16	19	13
Bournemouth	13	4	4	5	17	16	12
Hartlepool United	12	5	1	6	18	20	11
Darlington	13	3	4	6	18	24	10
York City	13	4	2	7	21	30	10
Stockport County	13	3	4	6	13	22	10
Wigan Athletic	12	4	1	7	18	27	9
Northampton Town	13	3	2	8	14	25	8
Port Vale	13	3	1	9	18	23	7
Scunthorpe United	13	2	3	8	15	30	7
Rochdale	13	1	4	8	10	24	6
Crewe Alexandra	13	1	1	11	7	33	3

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Fourth Division Focus

by Chris Gill



WITH THE season more than one quarter over, the transfer market has suddenly exploded into action as clubs attempt to iron out deficiencies with an infusion of new players.

Although York City's results recently have been less than sensational they succumbed to a tempting £100,000 plus offer from Carlisle United to part with Gordon Staniforth.

After signing Phil Ashworth on a free, Portsmouth decided to further strengthen their squad by laying out £20,000 for Port Vale's Kenny Todd.

Rochdale boss Doug Collins has been busy trying to boost his squad and recent additions to Spotland include former Burnley star Colin Waldron and ex-Blackpool player Larry Milligan.

Shock side so far, Halifax Town swooped on Merseyside to take young Everton defender John Thomas on a month's loan. Still in Yorkshire, Bernard Purdie gave up his first team place at Crewe to join the reserves, initially at least, at Leeds Road, Huddersfield in a £10,000 deal. Sadly, Doncaster Rovers are now deprived of the valuable

services of former England coach Les Cocker who collapsed and died after a training session.

Off the transfer trail and on to one of my favourite topics . . . GOALS. Portsmouth and Bradford City are looking more like topping the 100 mark as game follows game. Before today, Pompey had hit 36 goals in 13 games while City, who slammed Stockport for six, last week, also took their tally into the thirties.

One interesting statistic from Feethams Ground shows that big Darlington striker David Walsh has hit the target no less than eleven times this term . . . not bad when you consider his side have only managed a total of eighteen goals.

Meanwhile down at Fellows Park, Walsall get the impression that they are unbeatable these days. Although they have had a few close shaves they've yet to lose a League game this season. Not bad going for a club which was very despondent after being relegated from the Third Division last year.

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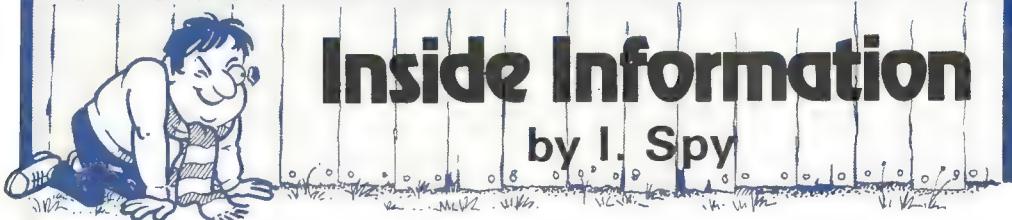
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Caused two men early morning erection problems

Is attended six hours a day, six days a week, by three ladies, (Sunday is its day of rest)

Was locked out of Wigan Fruit Market on Wednesday evening, and had to be removed for its own safety in a hastily-summoned

pantechnicon

Has inflicted on one member of staff and three very loyal supporters an absolute drenching

Suffered a dislocated leg in transit

Was restored to its normal position near the Wigan Fruit Market by an overweight Commercial Manager, a skilled Garage Mechanic and two agile young groundsmen?

If you haven't guessed already, the answer to the above puzzle is our new kiosk from which we are now selling Treble Chance Lottery tickets at 20p. a time.

P.S. It has one very fine attribute - IT IS MAKING THE CLUB MONEY.

A VERY GOOD afternoon to all supporters from everyone at the Social Club.

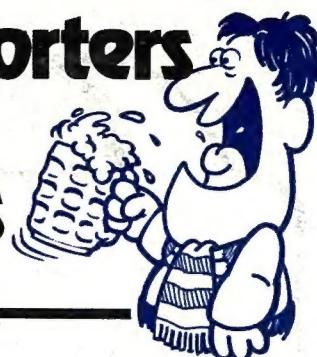
As I expected, the entertainment programme in the club last weekend was excellent in every way. Yet it would be very difficult to imagine any two nights when the stage would offer such a complete contrast! On Sunday night — "Winston" played to a capacity house, and without a doubt they are the "tops" in the modern style of entertainment — Miss Audrey Jones sang four or five numbers between the two appearances of "Winston" and I for one hope it won't be too long before she is back again. Perhaps, this time, to fill a complete programme, I am certain she has a big future in club-land.

The Big Band — "Sounds 18", on Monday night last was, as on the last visit some months ago — fantastic!! Once again a very good audience was quick to show their appreciation and I am confident that, like "Winston", the next visit will be eagerly anticipated.

Next Monday night at 8 o'clock we have the inaugural meeting for the bowls' section of the Supporters club and any lady or gentleman interested in joining us will be welcome on that night.

The good news of the week is that our quiz team defeated Manchester City Supporters' by 59 - 19 in the first round of the competition at Maine Road.

Supporters Club News



We now meet Rochdale Hornets Suppo Club (who beat Wigan R.L.F.C.) in the S round at Springfield Park on Monday, November. As you know this conte organised by Radio Manchester. (BBC 2C keep a note of the date.

On Saturday, 27th October, we have popular artist visiting us again — David F and on the following night, Sunday, October, we have another great sh "Carnaby Street".

Hope to see you soon.

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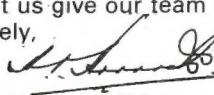
A last word from the chairman . . .

MAY I, on behalf of the Wigan Athletic Football Club, welcome to Springfield Park, the directors, players and supporters of Lincoln City. I hope that today's game will be played in that good spirit, and provide that quality of open and attractive football for which both our clubs are well-known.

Although we are at this moment in time going through a very testing period, I would ask our supporters to exercise patience and understanding as all at the club continue to work at the problem of recovering from a disappointing start to our second season in League Football. Whatever, his or her particular function, every person involved with the day to day running of the club is well aware of the desire of the Wigan public for a successful team and a well established club. I must emphasise that we cannot expect success as a right, and we must also realise that only by hard work put in over a long period of time can we achieve our ambitions. Even such great clubs as Manchester United, Everton and Tottenham Hotspur have had spells when a lot of very hard work has brought only limited success. We are no longer a non-league club, but a member of the greatest and best league in World Soccer — the Football League. We are the youngest members of that league, and, whatever our aspirations, we are still learning and we are still required to work very hard at establishing ourselves as a force to be reckoned with. You, the spectators, have provided us with the vital foundation of regular support. To scale any mountain requires planning, team-work, courage and stamina. By your continued support, help the Wigan Athletic Football Club over the tricky first phases of the ascent of its particular mountain. When we eventually reach the summit the view will be all that more enjoyable because we will have achieved our success by working together to overcome what will be looked back upon as nothing more than problems en route.

Enjoy today's game and let us give our team every encouragement.

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Dave Fretwell	2	Brendan Guest
Joe Hinnigan	3	Philip Neale
Tommy Gore	4	Graham Watson
Colin Methven	5	John Saunders
Neil Davids	6	Trevor Peake
Frank Corrigan	7	Gordon Hobson
Jeff Wright	8	David Carr
Peter Houghton	9	Mick Harford
Micky Moore	10	David Sunley
George Urquhart	11	Glenn Cockerill
Tony Quinn	12	Tony Cunningham

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City**
Red & White
Stripes

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Referee:
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(Liverpool)
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Mr. P. Suter
(Liverpool)

Here next...

Wednesday, 24th October, 1979 Kick-off 7.30 p.m.
WIGAN ATHLETIC v ROCHDALE
Football League Division 4